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SUBJECT: GOJ ATTRIBUTES AQABA ATTACK TO ZARQAWI-LINKED GROUP

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Classified By: CDA CHRISTOPHER HENZEL, REASONS 1.4 B, C, D

[1](#). (SBU) Jordanian Deputy Prime Minister Marwan Al-Muasher told visiting Congressman Peter Hoekstra and Charge late August 23 that Jordan believed the Aqaba rocket attack of August 19 was carried out by persons with links to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi,s group. Muasher and other GOJ spokesmen were quoted to this effect in Jordanian press reports published August 24.

[2](#). (S) Jordan,s General Intelligence Directorate (GID) told post August 23 that it believed the persons detained in connection with the attack may have links to Zarqawi, but its investigation is not yet complete (ref D.)

[3](#). (C) Comment: Investigators from SIMO, FBI, RSO and DoD continue to work with the GID. They should soon be able to provide an independent assessment of the GOJ,s public statements of August 24.

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